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SUBJECT: SAG PASSPORT DENIALS

1. IN MOVES APPARENTLY PART OF GENERAL HARDENING ATTITUDE TOWARD DISSENT AND DISENTERS, SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THIS WEEK TOOK ACTION AGAINST SEVERAL CRITICS OF SAG RACIAL POLICIES.

2. SAG DENIED PASSPORTS TO FIVE CHILDREN OF BANNED FORMER NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS LEADER, MEWA RAMGOBIN, AND HIS WIFE (ALSO BANNED), MRS. ELA RCKVMBIN. (MRS. RAMGOBIN IS GRANDDAUGHTER OF MAHATMA GHANDI). RAMGOBIN'S BANNING AND HOUSE ARREST WAS DUE TO EXPIRE IN TWO MONTHS' TIME. PASSPORT WITHDRAWAL IS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT ON PREVIOUS OCCASION ENTIRE FAMILY HAD BEEN GRANTED PASSPORTS TO VISIT INDIA.

3. SAG ALSO DENIED PASSPORT TO NATAL UNIVERSITY SOCIOLOGIST MRS. FATIMA MEER WHO HAD BEEN INVITED BY LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS TO LECTURE AND TOUR UK. MRS. MEER HAS HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSPORT TROUBLES IN PAST BUT WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL TO US

IN 1972 AS IV GRANTEE.

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